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For: METHODS OF FORMING ALPHA AND	:	Examiner: Jonathan C. Langman
BETA TANTALUM FILMS WITH	:	
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AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

This Amendment is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") in response to the final Office Action dated July 21, 2011 (Paper No. 20110509), which replaced the final Office Action dated March 10, 2011 (Paper No. 20110301, hereinafter referred to as "the final Office Action"), in the above-referenced patent application. This response and the accompanying RCE are being timely filed as a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time, up to and including December 21, 2011, including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

Amendments to and Listing of the claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.
Remarks begin on page 5 of this Amendment.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the claims in conjunction with the accompanying RCE, consideration thereof in view of the remarks that follow, and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections of record.